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SUBJECT: IFAD VICE-PRESIDENCY

REFS: (A) MANILA 3938, (B) STATE 53953, (C) ROME 4574

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY THAT USG PREPARED TO NOMINATE PHILIP BIRNBAUM AS U.S. CANDIDATE FOR IFAD VICE-PRESIDENCY. MINDFUL OF AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY'S RESPONSE (REF A) TO OUR MARCH 16 MESSAGE (REF B), WE HAVE NOT YET INFORMED CATEGORY I MEMBERS BUT WISH TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. AS WE INDICATED IN REF B USG IS PREPARED TO ENDORSE AL-SUDEARY FOR PRESIDENT. HE HAS PROVIDED EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP DURING THE DIFFICULT MONTHS OF PREPARATORY WORK AND WE FEEL SURE HE WILL MOVE QUICKLY TO MAKE IFAD
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A MAJOR FORCE IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SAME TIME HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT OUR ENDORSEMENT ASSUMES THE QUESTION OF IFAD'S SITE WILL BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED AND THAT IF ELECTED PRESIDENT HE WILL SELECT AS HIS VICE-PRESIDENT A QUALIFIED CATEGORY I CANDIDATE.

3. CATEGORY I MEMBERS ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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NEED FOR CATEGORY I REPRESENTATIVE AS VICE-PRESIDENT, IF

CATEGORY II TO HAVE PRESIDENCY. THEY ARE ALSO AWARE OF U.S. INTENTION TO PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATE. GROUP HOPEFUL OF CONFIRMING CATEGORY I CANDIDATE PRIOR TO APRIL 4 PREPCOM.

4. WE BELIEVE WE MUST CIRCULATE A NOTE IN CATEGORY I CAPITALS NO LATER THAN MARCH 31. WE THEREFORE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY'S SUPPORT FOR THE BIRNBAUM CANDIDACY ON URGENT BASIS.

5. FOR THE RECORD, BIRNBAUM HAS LED EFFORTS WITHIN THE USG TO DEVELOP SUPPORT FOR IFAD. HE HAS SERVED AS HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATIONS IN MOST MEETINGS PRELIMINARY TO IFAD'S ESTABLISHMENT. HE WAS ELECTED PREPCOM VICE-CHAIRMAN IN SEPTEMBER 1976. HE BRINGS TO BEAR EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE WITH AID AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS HE HAS SERVED AS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM AND POLICY COORDINATION RESPONSIBLE FOR AGENCY-WIDE POLICY AND PROGRAM FORMULATION, THE ANNUAL AID BUDGET PREPARATION, AND PROGRAM REVIEW AND EVALUATION. AFTER CAREFUL GOVERNMENT-WIDE CONSIDERATION WE BELIEVE PHIL BIRNBAUM IS THE CANDIDATE MOST QUALIFIED TO WORK WITH AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY IN MOVING IFAD FORWARD TO MEET THE PRESSING NEEDS OF THE WORLD'S POOREST AND FOOD-NEEDY COUNTRIES.
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